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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on December 27, 2001, Applicants hereby submit a copy of a Japanese Notice of Reasons for Rejection dated January 24, 2006, together with an English language translation of the same, with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-302712, in which the following document was cited:

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 6-124309, together with an English language abstract and partial English language translation of the same.

The relevance to the above-noted document, as ascertained by the Japanese Examiner applying Japanese rules to the claims, is set forth in the Japanese Notice of Reasons for Rejection.

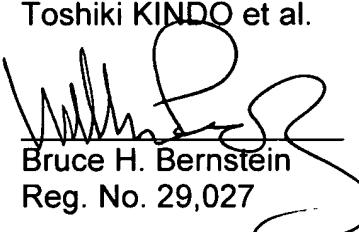
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of the above-noted foreign document is attached hereto and the above-noted document is listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Further, Applicants note that since this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the issuance of an Office Action on the merits, Applicants certify that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement, and thus no fee is required to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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